

SCIPPIO LODGE NO. 110 F & A·M·
AURODA, CAYUGA COUNTY, NEW YORK.

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84 EXCHANGE STREET - ROCHESTER, N.Y.

SCIPPIO LODGE NO. 110, F. & A. M.
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OWNER: Scipio Lodge No. 110, F. & A. M.
Aurora, New York

OCCUPANT: The Owner.

DATE OF ERECTION: 1819

ARCHITECT; Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

PRESENT CONDITION: The building is in good state of preservation. The north and south walls have bowed out some. Originally there were four posts on the first floor supporting the second. Now there are two with two sets of truss rods. There is a partial partition on the first floor about eight feet from the rear wall. The chimney is new. A pipeless furnace and electric lights are more recent installations. The caps on the exterior columns have recently been replaced by composition caps of somewhat different character.

NUMBER OF STORIES: There are two stories and a part basement.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: The foundation is local limestone reinforced by poured concrete in the inside. The superstructure is post and frame with exterior covering of clap boards and some flush boarding around the front entrance. Capitals of pilasters and columns are of composition. Roof is wood shingles. Glass is original, with the exception of two new basement sash glass. The exterior is painted light gray with trim white. Blinds are green.

Interior wood trim is pine. Walls above the wainscot on the first floor and ceiling are plastered. Trim was painted red. Trim on the second floor is white, with certain plaster ornaments and mouldings picked out in gold. These appear darker in the photographs. The walls in the corridors and lodge room are papered in light tan paper. Ceilings are white. Oil paintings are on canvas. Floor of lodge room is carpeted.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS:

Architectural Review, Volume V, No. 8., A "Colonial" Lodge Building, at Aurora, New York. With measured drawings by Benjamin F. Betts. August 1917.

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ADDITIONAL DATA: The corner stone of the building was laid by DeWitt Clinton, Grand Master of the Jurisdiction and Governor of New York, September 1819. It is at the north east corner of the building and is inscribed DWG GM
AL 5819

A tablet on the front above the corner stone to this effect was unveiled September 27, 1919. The original charter was warranted March 22, 1797. and is in possession of the Lodge. The First Lodge was Lodge Scipio, No. 58, with Seth Sherwood as the First Master. Jedediah Morgan was Master in 1819. There is no record as to where they held their meetings or whether they had a hall at the early date. The warrant of Scipio Lodge, No. 58 was surrendered June 6, 1844 by Salem Town as incapable of revival. It was revived June 1846 under No. 110. The above information was furnished by Charles H. Johnson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 71 West 23rd Street, New York City. Nov. 1936.

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